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MEDIA ADVISORY

Community Member Steering Committee to Meet Regarding Proposed West Tennessee State Veterans Home

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs Assistant Commissioner Mark Breece will join the West Tennessee State Veterans Home Steering Committee for their next meeting on Wednesday, November 21 at 12:00 p.m. at Balmoral Presbyterian Church located at 6413 Quince Road in Memphis.

The steering committee is comprised of community members to include Committee President Joe Kyles, Vice President Holly Swogger, Secretary and Treasurer William Smith, and several representatives from Veteran Service Organizations, military personnel and representatives from Shelby County local government.

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Shelby County is home to 60,165 Tennessee Veterans, which is the largest population of Veterans in one county in the state.

There are currently three Tennessee State Veterans Homes in the state. One in Humboldt County, one in Rutherford County and the newest was built in Knox County. State Veterans Homes are built with federal, state and local funding. The steering committee will meet regarding fund raising efforts and strategies to promote community awareness of the project to care for aging Shelby County Veterans.

The proposal to build a State Veterans Home in Shelby County was first presented on July 28, 2008.

WHO: Assistant Commissioner Mark Breece and the West Tennessee State Veterans Home Steering Committee

WHAT: Committee Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, November 21, 2012, 12:00 p.m. (CST)

WHERE: Balmoral Presbyterian Church, 6413 Quince Road, Memphis

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